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The Honorable Chairman and Members of
the Hawaii Public Utilities Commission
Kekuanaoa Building
465 South King Street, 1st Floor
Honolulu, Hawaii 96813

Dear Commissioners:

RE: Docket No. 2008-0083 – Application of Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc.,
For Approval of Rate Increases and Revised Rate Schedules and Rules.

Appended to a letter dated January 19, 2010, Hawaiian Electric Company, Inc. ("HECO" or the "Company") submitted various corrections to the Company's Corrected Opening Brief filed on January 6, 2010 ("January 19, 2010 Submission"). In a letter dated March 16, 2010, the Commission issued a finding concluding that HECO's January 19, 2010 Submission included many corrections that substantively affected HECO's Opening Brief and Corrected Opening Brief filed on January 5 and January 6, 2010, respectively.¹

While the Division of Consumer Advocacy ("Consumer Advocate") agrees that "HECO's filing of substantive revisions to [the Company's] Opening Brief is inappropriate" and could potentially disadvantage other parties and the Commission due to the parties' and the Commission's inability to respond to or question the substantive corrections made by the Company after HECO filed its Opening Brief and Corrected Opening Brief on January 5 and January 6, 2010, respectively,² the Consumer Advocate notes that HECO's corrections in this particular instance clarify the positions articulated by the Company in its filings made on January 5 and January 6, 2010, respectively and seeks to improve the state of the record rather than raise more questions that require further examination by the Consumer Advocate.

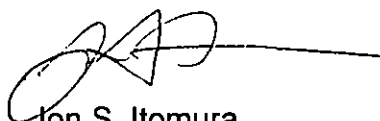
¹ Letter from the Commission to Dean Nishina, Dean K. Matsuura, and Dr. Kay Davoodi (March 16, 2010), at 2.

² Id.

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Accordingly, with respect to HECO's January 19, 2010 Submission, the Consumer Advocate states that it has no objections to HECO's filing at this time. Should the Company make additional substantive changes to any filing in this docket in the future, the Consumer Advocate reserves the right to re-examine the position taken in this letter at that time.

Sincerely yours,

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